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The Challenge

A CHALLENGE was expressed at the annual meeting in Mesa. We heard it from the wise and gracious Evelyn Sickels, whose wand has spread much literary magic among the children of Hoosierland and of the entire country. Colton Storm, in his delightful manner, told us of the need for understanding in the handling of rare and beautiful books. A competent panel, in the persons of George Babbitt, John Beecher, Frances Gillmor and Dorothy MacNamee gave us their views on the importance of collecting Arizoniana.

A picture of amazing expansion in Arizona was presented by some very able speakers who told us that libraries are important in the state's growth. Men of trade and research and their families have need for progressive libraries. Jack McDonald with his apt remarks and summaries led us to a new viewpoint. Florrinell Morton of Louisiana challenged us to pride in our profession with background history of library work and a look into future training standards. Frances Clarke Sayers enchanted us while picturing the close relation of "the street we live on" to the inspiration of the world of books and reading. Paul Hughes gave us an unforgettable talk on the value of the novel. Eleanor Ferguson of A.L.A. headquarters reminded us that the public library must meet the public needs of today. And finally, Mr. Waller, with his dynamic presentation of the vast amount of advertising done for National Library Week, sent us all home full of enthusiasm for continuing the objectives of Library Week throughout the year.

Such were the messages: Collect and keep the culture of the past. . . . Work with the trends and meet the challenge of the present. . . . Prepare for the future.

We have heard the challenge and must work actively at meeting it. Scholarship goals are being met, training standards are being worked on, and plans have been presented by committees for further work and planning. We ask each one of you to think and work with us for the fulfillment of these plans begun by the Association.

And now a salute of thanks to Frank Schneider for his most able leadership, to Harold Batchelor, Jane Hudgins, and all others who contributed so greatly to the magnificent conference at Mesa, the city of orange blossoms and warm hospitality. Wonderful memories are ours, as well as inspiration and information for the year ahead. We need not strive for fine phrases or courtly words at a time like this. Our appreciation will continue to come unbidden and without volition.

Nor are we likely to forget the friendship and cooperation of the exhibitors.

One reminder before I close: Please write letters of appreciation to the editors of *Life*, *Look*, *This Week*, *McCalls* and other magazines, and to the many other people who have given so much in effort, time, materials and moral support for the advancement of library service during National Library Week. Let's all follow Mr. Waller's suggestion by expressing our gratitude for the tremendous effort put forth on behalf of libraries during Library Week this year.

Sincerely yours,
Sue Gondek

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Summer Offerings in Library Science

Library science departments at Arizona's universities have announced their summer course offerings.

At the University of Arizona in Tucson two 3-credit courses will be offered during each term of the Summer Session. In the term beginning June 8th, Mrs. Elinor Saltus will teach the courses, "Literature for Children" and "Library Administration and Organization." In the second term, which begins July 13th, the courses "Reference Service in the School Library" and "Literature for Adolescents" will be taught by Donald N. Bentz.

At Arizona State University in Tempe, first term offerings include "Book Services" and "Library Materials for Adolescents," taught by Frank Schneider; and "Advanced Book Organization," "Card Catalog Management," and a workshop on Techniques in Library Instruction for Public Schools, under the direction of Mrs. Inez Moffit. Courses offered during the second term are "Reading and Communication," "Book Conservation," and "Library Materials for Children," all taught by Mrs. Moffit.

More detailed information can be secured about these courses by writing directly to the library science departments of these two institutions.

The Editor's Periscope

THOSE who were unable to attend this year's convention in Mesa missed one of the best conventions in ASLA history. Sometimes the unscheduled events add as much to the convention as the announced program, and this year was no exception.

V. H. Gallichotte of W. R. Ames Company, assuming that Maricopa Inn had to be located in Maricopa, Arizona, traveled over some of this state's better roads in search of the metropolitan area by that name. If you know Arizona geography better than I did before consulting the road map, you are aware that Maricopa is a town of 600 population, located on the Southern Pacific Railroad in Pinal County, 26 miles northwest of Casa Grande and just east of the northern tip of the Maricopa Indian Reservation. These directions may be of assistance to other exhibitors if at some time the ASLA convention is held there.

Nell Manuel of the Phoenix Alhambra Schools sat across from the editor during the Saturday luncheon. For a time I thought that the bright Arizona sun shone down more intensely in Mesa than it does in Tucson — it was only the orange and green chapeau that Nell was wearing.

Did Frances Clarke Sayers get her income tax filed on time? The government almost cost us one of the brightest spots of the convention. Mrs. Sayers had gotten the dates of income tax filing and ASLA confused, and it required a telephone call to Los Angeles on Saturday morning to get her to Mesa in time for her afternoon talk.

Prominent among the newspaper clippings that were displayed on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Inn were those announcing that our past president, Frank Schneider, had been awarded one of twenty-one fellowships granted by the Fund for Adult Education. Frank will make a study of adult education activities at the Phoenix Public Library.

Arizona librarians are proud to number in their ranks a nationally recognized teacher-librarian, Willimina Lindsey of Tolleson High School. Those who have worked with Willimina knew it all the time and now, through the *McCall's* Honor Roll award as one of the country's twelve outstanding teachers, the other forty-eight states know it.

This year for the first time the Association has recognized achievements over the state in library work. Elizabeth Cummings of the Oracle Public Library was unable to accept her award in person because she had come down with an attack of measles!

The Trustees award went to the hard-working Yuma City-County Library Board for its singular accomplishment in bringing library service to the citizens of their community. We hope that they will

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continue to set the pace for other boards and thereby put Arizona on the map as the most library-minded state in the union.

The Association is fortunate to lose only one of its members to the ranks of the senior advisors. Jane Hudgins of the Phoenix Public Library was the only librarian to receive the award presented to retiring librarians.

Among the unforgettable personalities at the convention, John and Barbara Beecher rank at the top of the list. John and Barbara have come to Arizona from California and established the Rampart Press in Jerome. They are raising their voices in protest over many of our present burning social issues. Their work is meaningful and beautiful, and will soon become collector's items — and should be in all Arizona libraries.

We are collecting material for the next issue of your *Arizona Librarian*. We want it to be YOUR *Librarian*. The only way that it can be your journal is for you to send in news-worthy information from your library and area. Please take time to drop us a letter.

Cecil Wellborn

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By CATHERINE S. CHADWICK

ARIZONA'S LIBRARY EXTENSION SERVICE, 1959

OUR hopes and dreams for Arizona's extension service two years ago were that it would give every person in the state the same opportunities for reading, music, art, and other cultural enjoyments that might be possible in any large city in the country. All this was to be accomplished through bookmobile service, the enrichment of local library collections, and direct service by mail.

Last year in Tucson you heard about the service already established, and saw photographic proof that service was being given to all communities desiring it, or where library board and librarian desired it.

Now we have come to a sort of cross-roads, the halfway point in the Library Services Act which made the whole program possible. It is now necessary to assess and evaluate, not only what is possible and expedient, but what is most desirable and most likely to have optimum continuing value for the libraries of the state when federal matching funds are no longer available to us.

Extension service has grown so much that we no longer have enough space and personnel to process our books — we have had to choose between processing and distributing. In February we had 1000 special requests, and this does not include the thousands of books sent in collections to libraries, or the thousands distributed on bookmobile runs. In fact, it seems that we have been almost too successful, and that is because the people of Arizona had been hungering for the materials which we have been able to supply. Our hope is that we can continue to satisfy demands with the materials, the funds, and the personnel available.

Last year I had hoped that we could make some advances this year toward regional or county service, which would enable us to send materials in bulk, instead of individually, to the various areas of the state. In other words, provide "wholesale rather than retail" service. In two areas this dream has been realized, for in Maricopa and Yuma counties we distribute through county or city-county libraries. We have hopes of assisting in the Tucson-Pima County situation, but to date have not been able to secure the commodity most basically needed there — children's books in sufficient quantities. We haven't given up hope, however.

An effort was made during the past year by the libraries and library boards of Pinal County to establish an informal federation to cooperate for better library service for the county. One of the best

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jobs of organization I have ever seen was carried through on the promise of funds from the County supervisors, who suggested a cooperative effort to avoid dividing the money into small grants of \$200 to \$1000 apiece for the libraries. A legal flaw was found in this plan, however, and rather than bring the situation to a decision the supervisors rejected the idea of distributing the funds.

The legal situation is to be studied by a committee made up of legislators, library trustees, librarians, representatives of A.S.L.A., and officials of the state library agency. It is hoped that some workable plan can be devised to revise the state library law or that ways of working within its framework can be found so that library development may continue. It is unlikely that the present plan of general distribution and service can be developed much farther. We are left with these choices then — to curtail service, or to find a way to give the same or better service by channeling it to local areas through a county or regional library set-up. This would free the state agency from the space-consuming, time-consuming task of servicing the many separate libraries and individuals, and enable us to put the resources of the state agency into more consultant work, more purchases of the unusual and hard-to-get books, and into the audio-visual program which is also growing like mad.

In cases where a library board is unwilling to cooperate with the state agency, we will be forced to curtail service, re-possessing any collections we have sent, and furnishing only token service, like that given libraries which charge fees — service that is limited to the privilege of occasional requests for special materials. The regulations of the Library Services Act forbid that the Extension Service give full cooperation to libraries not giving *free* services.

We find it necessary to curtail service also when a library board refuses to furnish us necessary statistics on budget, source of funds, etc. which we need in planning for statewide service and which Arizona law directs the Extension Service of the Department of Library and Archives to collect. The demands upon the Service are very great and our resources so very inadequate to fill them.

One library, the Yuma City-County Library, has already signed a contract with the state library agency, to promote service in Yuma County. Prescott is now negotiating a contract with Yavapai County. It is very likely that this sort of contract, and grants of materials and assistance in personnel and other facilities, may be soon offered, depending in each case on the amount of service being given in the area, the funds available, and the area to be covered. A formula providing for such state grants is "in the works" although not final, since so much depends on how much Congress allots to the states this coming year.

It is the general consensus that grants from the state agency to local agencies giving library service are the best method of assisting and improving local service.

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Just two years remain of the original Library Services Act. In this short time Arizona must make the critical decisions regarding future patterns of service. May we be able to institute a strong system of libraries, strengthening all local service and broadening the basis of support, both moral and financial.

Arizona has had the benefit of an overview of years of trial and error in other states. We came into the field of library extension with a background of cooperative effort from almost all the important facets of Arizona life.

Let us continue our advance towards those service goals to which our efforts and our aspirations have been leading us.

By ELISABETH S. MOORE

Western States Library Extension Conference

AMILESTONE in the development of public library service in the West was passed recently when 32 representatives from 14 states, from A.L.A. and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare met in Phoenix for the Conference of Western Extension Librarians, March 21st through 23rd. Chief architects of the conference were Mrs. Alice B. Good, director of Arizona's Department of Library and Archives, and Mrs. Catherine S. Chadwick, Extension Librarian. Also contributing significantly to the success of the conference was Mrs. Gretchen Schenk, nationally known expert on library extension, who came as a special consultant.

In the first session, Miss Helen Luce from HEW pointed out that the chief purpose of the conference was to pool the knowledge and experience gained thus far in dealing with problems common to all the western states and in some ways peculiar to them — the pressures of our exploding populations, the vastness of our rural areas, and the comparative recency of our library development.

As a first step in fulfilling this purpose, state representatives exchanged printed, typed and mimeographed materials which all had used abundantly in setting up demonstrations and extending library service. As a second step, Miss Virginia Hughes of California gave a demonstration of a demonstration — newspaper clippings, letters, photographs, and a film depicting the day-to-day adventures of a model Library Services Act demonstration put on in Butte County, California. The demonstration, a bookmobile program for serving a rural area from an established county library, had a typical "happy

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ending" in the eyes of extension librarians, for it was taken over at year's end by the county library as a permanent regional extension service.

Featured on Saturday was a panel discussion on western development as regards industry, power, water, agriculture, government, and mining, as well as libraries. Moderating the panel was Mrs. Schenk, and participating were Jack McDonald of Arizona Power Company, C. L. Hoyt of Kennecott Copper Mines, and John Frank, speaking on water and agriculture. All stressed the explosive growth and economic expansion of the West, and its effects on their industries and areas of interest. Mrs. Schenk effectively related these areas to that of libraries and library service.

Sunday was devoted to workshop sessions. With Miss Luce as chairman, open discussions were held during the morning on *Different Kinds of Library Demonstrations*. In the afternoon Mrs. Chadwick chaired a symposium on *The Gentle Art of Persuasion: or How to Get Cooperation*. Afterwards the delegates relaxed at a reception to which librarians from all over Arizona had been invited. This congenial affair gave us who are in Arizona library service a wonderful opportunity to meet the people who are pioneering the development of library extension service in the West.

Monday morning brought the conference to a close with a joint discussion by Mrs. Schenk and Miss Luce on the burning question, "Is the West going to be ready for the termination of the Library Services Act?" Current legislative programs in several states were discussed at some length to round out the subject of the last meeting, *The Mid-Point of the Library Services Act Program — A Look At Our Progress to Date and Our Plans for the Future*. Miss Eleanor Ferguson, executive secretary of the Public Library Association, ended this session with a masterful summing up.

We adjourned with a sense of achievement. We had discussed many of our common problems, heard and given suggestions for the solutions of some of them, we had discovered a basic unity in our efforts and dreams, and we had found that we were not alone.

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By COLTON STORM

The World of Beautiful Books*

THE LOVE OF books is a glorious adventure. It is an adventure which should be started with courage and care, for it requires much of the adventurer. But the rewards are great. There are all sorts of book collectors in this happy world, probably as many kinds as there are varieties of allergies. They are all of one brotherhood, though, and each of them deserves honor and respect. Today, I intend to anatomize that mythical and wonderful creature—the book lover—with the hope you will understand him better and, perhaps, emulate him for the enrichment of your life.

Book collecting is a personal adventure. Yet it is one which can be most pleasantly shared. Some years ago, a friend of mine spoke on the subject "Three Loves Have I." (What a delightfully provocative title!) The three loves had nothing to do with *amour* but everything to do with books. He claimed that his principal passions were to buy books, to read books, and to give books. How right he is! Books to buy and own and give away are very personal. John Hill Burton, who wrote wisely on this subject, suggested that ". . . the bookhunter's treasures must not be his mere property, they must be his achievements—each one of them recalling the excitement of the chase and the happiness of success."

First of all, it is essential to know that a book collector is a connoisseur—one who, according to that repository of rectitude, *Webster's Unabridged*, is "well versed in any subject; especially one who knows well the details, technique, or principles of a fine art; one competent to act as a critical judge of an art, or in a matter of taste. Connoisseur is often contrasted with amateur and dilettante. It implies trained and discriminating judgment of what is rare or choice, especially in art; as a connoisseur of etchings or fine bindings, or wines. A connoisseur may or may not be a professional."

Most of you are familiar enough with connoisseurship of art or music or wines to appreciate that definition. It is understandable to you that the appreciation of those delectables is based on the connoisseur's competence to act as a critical judge of the Bach *toccata*, the Toulouse-Lautrec portrait, or the Moselle wine, and that his competence is based on his intimate acquaintance with the elements of great art, wines, or music. In like manner, the collecting of books—the proper collecting of books—is based on close association with

*This is a portion of an address given at the Annual Convention of the Arizona State Library Association in Mesa, on April 3, 1959. Mr. Storm was formerly Director of the Western Reserve Historical Society, and is now a Fellow of the Newberry Library in Chicago.

them and a superior knowledge of the technique and principles of collecting them. Music and painting are enjoyed principally through the senses of hearing and seeing respectively. Connoisseurs of books are fortunate in their ability to exercise at least four of the five senses. The sight of a fine book is a pleasure, as is the sound of crisply preserved paper, ruffling under the fingers, a kind of music. And the feel of old, rich leather, softly rubbed, evokes the past quite as much as the faintly musty, strongly pleasant odor of antiquity. In some instances the fifth sense — so deeply appreciated by connoisseurs of food and drink — is called upon for a vicarious share in book-love, as witness the note Queen Elizabeth I left in her copy of Thomson's version of the new Testament,

"I walke manie times into the pleasant fieldes of the Holye Scriptures, where I pluck up the goodlie herbes of sentences by pruning, eat them by reading, chewe them by musing, and laie them at length in the hie seate of memorie by gathering them together; that so, having tasted the sweetnesse, I may the less perceive the bitterness of this miserable life."

There is much to learn before one can be a connoisseur of books, to enjoy collecting through all the senses, or before the collecting of books can be pursued properly and to the connoisseur's best advantage. The first step, it seems to me, is a proper regard for connoisseurship. It is well, indeed, to remember that yesterday's connoisseurs are responsible for the saving of much of the literary past which we appreciate richly today. We are especially indebted to the connoisseurs of books, for they saved for us more than sights and sounds of the past — they preserved ideas.

The second step is the admission that connoisseurship implies trained and discriminating judgment. The training necessary for the proper collecting of books is arduous — but never, I think, tedious. It is a variety of self-training in which there is no relaxing. The discrimination you display in collecting books, rare or common, must come from within you. The books must be expressions of your own taste, your own personal desires; otherwise collecting will be no joy to you. Yet the collecting of books — the proper collecting of books — can be so extremely rewarding that it deserves the best efforts and energies you can bring to it.

William E. Gladstone once wrote to a great bookseller (Quatitch of London) that a book collector should possess "Appetite, leisure, wealth, knowledge, discrimination and perseverance." Of these six qualities, he allowed himself only two, appetite and perseverance, yet he gathered more than 35,000 volumes. In my opinion, knowledge and discrimination (both of which Gladstone was too modest to claim) are equally important, but neither wealth nor leisure is essential. Perhaps that is because I have known many very busy men without wealth who are excellent collectors. You can read about collecting and learn much; you can listen to me talk, but until you have bought books (even making a mistake now and then) and until you have

much intimate, physical contact with books, you cannot enjoy fully the fun of collecting them.

"Never, O! never, begin to have any books," exclaimed Mary Coleridge. "If you do, they will marry each other, and increase at the rate of half a library per annum. Then when you have lived in the house forty-five years they have all got grandchildren, and there is no room in the house for anything else." But perhaps it is just as well to ignore such carpers, for though they exist, they are not for our taste.

The passionate desire of some men and women to own books is very old and very compelling. In one of his *Colloquies* Robert Southey has Sir Thomas More say, "Why, Montesinos, with these books and the delight you take in their constant society, what have you to covet or desire?" "Nothing," is the answer, ". . . but more books." From an "unabating love of letters and perpetual occupation" with his studies, Huet derives benefit which he regards "as of the highest value," because while so living he has "never felt that satiety of life, that weariness with all its objects, of which other persons are so often heard to complain."

The best collectors are the men and women who love books and who love to read books (there are, unfortunately, some people who love to read, but limit themselves to newspapers and magazines). These people are bibliophiles — married lovers. De Quincy called Southey's library his *wife*, and Dowden added, "in a certain sense it was wife and mistress and mother to him." But the presence of the books themselves and his enjoyment of them was not all his enthralment! "There was also the pursuit, the surprisal, the love-making or wooing. And at last, in his weakness, once more a little child, he would walk slowly round his library, looking at his cherished volumes, taking them down mechanically, and when he could no longer read, pressing them to his lips, as Charles Lamb and Coleridge had done." All the delights of a lover were his, when a new box of books arrived at Keswick: "Oh, the joys of opening such a chest; of discovering the glorious folios; of glancing with the shy amorousness of first love at title-page and colophon; of growing familiarity; of tracing out the history suggested by bookplate or autograph; of finding a lover's excuse for cropped margins, or water-stain, or worm-hole."

Addison once remarked that a book is "a torch in the hand of one who is willing and able to show those who are bewildered the way which leads to prosperity and welfare," and Richard de Bury said, "to everyone who knocketh boldly it is speedily opened; the cherubim spread out their wings that the intellect of the student may ascend and look from pole to pole, from east to west, from north and from south." "The thick intoxicating potion" of Milton finds its antidote in the crisp warning of Frederic Harrison that "the book-lover needs most to be reminded that man's business here is to know for the sake of living, not to live for the sake of knowing." But let there be no fear of "such ephemeral matter as the chopped straw of the circulating library, or those news-sheets, magazines, the trivia of commerce,

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thistle-down blown hither and thither by the wind and settling nowhere, or, if anywhere, where least wanted, weeds, litter, matter out of place, dust of the mind, as general and vulgar as a smell," since, as John Hill Burton said, "It is difficult, almost impossible, to find a book in which something either valuable or amusing may not be found, if the proper alembic be applied."

"What an inestimable price," says Addison, "would a Virgil or a Homer, a Cicero or an Aristotle bear, were their works like a statue, a building, or a picture, to be confined only in one place, and made the property of one person!" It is only that there are those of the human race who think what is common to all can have little value. "The good bookman," remarks Holbrook Jackson, "is not disturbed if 'the reading of most men is like a wardrobe of old clothes that are seldom used.' He can gnaw his own bone. That there are not many of his kind is no disparagement. With a few fine books he is safe, even from fools, for in the presence of great writers they would seek to hide their faults, so Seneca promises and Montaigne approves." Bibliophiles are not reformers or proselytisers; they are not out to defend or propagate ideas or wisdom: "diffused knowledge immortalizes itself." A great book never lacks lovers.

A great book is a sound heard "almost without hearing . . . it is the sound of all sounds the most companionable, this whispering of the leaves of books. You who love them have heard it in the quietness of your room, and you have been comforted; or, perchance, in the wizard silence of Bodley's Library at Oxford, where it has gone up to the painted beams as incense of sound . . . Most pleasing and most comfortable of sounds, so that booklovers who hear it are made confident and rapt beyond themselves. Happy the man that knows this joyous music."

"When Charles Lamb entered the Bodleian Library for the first time, he seemed to 'inhale learning walking amid the foliage' of so many eloquent books, and the 'odour of their old moth-scented coverings is fragrant as the first bloom of those scintillant apples which grew amid the happy orchard.' James Russell Lowell 'is at home wherever he smells the invigorating fragrance of russia.' And Anatole France tells of an old Canon of the Church who, loving books beyond all things, when he 'breathed the perfume of a bookseller's shop' felt he was 'yielding too greatly to the things of this world.'

The late Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach once remarked that "very young children eat their books, literally devouring their contents" and for this I can vouchsafe the truth, for my own young son was a bibliophagus, enamoured of the taste of nursery rhyme and fairy tales. But I cannot agree with Dr. R. that this love of chewing paper may in

part account for the scarcity of *Alice in Wonderland*, for that book has always seemed to me to have been designed for adults. But I like the suggestion of Joseph Glanvil, in his *Essay Concerning Preaching*, that young Divines take notions from their reading and, though they should not abide by the words of their new-found friends, ought, by digesting them "into their store of thoughts, as the various juice of flowers is by the industrious bee," create sermons "making them enjoyable and agreeable." And Eugene Field took up the refrain, saying "When I take them from their places, how tenderly do they respond to the caresses of my hands; come, let me take thee from thy shelf," he says to a favorite copy of Walton, "and hold thee lovingly in my hands and press thee tenderly to this aged and slowly-pulsing heart of mine." When Leigh Hunt spoke of being in contact with his books, he meant it literally:

*"How pure the joy, when first my hands unfold
The small, rare volume, black with tarnish'd gold"*

The joy of books is endless magic, each author a magician to whisk away the world that presses close. Reading, touching, owning, smelling, buying, tasting, searching, seeing, mending, hearing and giving books are all parts of book collecting; one part without the others leaves the pleasure incomplete.

To those of you who love good books, to those of you who will accept the challenge of a great adventure, to all of you, I wish "Good Hunting!"

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Thirtieth Annual
Convention

April 3-5, 1959

Mesa, Arizona

THE THIRTIETH Annual Convention, which was held at the Maricopa Inn in Mesa, began Friday, April 3, 1959, with the registration of members and exhibitors, and ended on Sunday with a ceremony honoring past presidents. Approximately 300 persons registered for the convention.

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

The First General Session began at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 3rd, with Mr. Frank Schneider presiding. After a few words of welcome, he introduced Miss Jessie Russell, Manager of Arizona State University Curriculum Library. Miss Russell, who was hostess for this session, introduced Miss Evelyn R. Sickels of Phoenix, formerly Supervisor of Work with Children, Indianapolis Public Library, and co-author of *Anthology of Children's Literature*. Miss Sickels, in developing her topic, "The World of Children's Books," made many interesting observations concerning the problem of television versus reading. She also pointed out the importance of making available to young readers the books which develop and preserve the imagination.

After a short recess, Mr. Julian Fowler, former librarian of Oberlin College, and currently bibliographer at Arizona State University Library, introduced Mr. Colton Storm who spoke on "The World of Beautiful Books." Mr. Storm, who now makes his home in Sedona,

was formerly Director of the Western Reserve Historical Society, and is Bibliographer of the Graff Collection, Chicago. In the time allotted to him, Mr. Storm was able to share with his audience some of his vast knowledge of rare and priceless volumes. His love and reverence for books was evident throughout his entire speech.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

After an informal dinner, Mr. Harold Walter Batchelor, host of the evening, introduced the guests seated at the head table. There were five speakers on the program, each one discussing "The Tribulations and Triumphs of Collecting Arizoniana" from his own point of view. Participants were Mr. George Babbitt of Sedona, Mr. John Beecher of Jerome, Miss Frances Gillmor of Tucson, and Mrs. Dorothy McNamee of Tucson. Mr. Barry Goldwater of Phoenix was unable to participate as had been planned. This interesting session ended with a brief recapitulation by Mr. Colton Storm.

Later in the evening, Association members and guests enjoyed a social reception at the beautiful desert home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thompson. The gracious hospitality of the Thompsons will not soon be forgotten.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Following breakfast, the first business session was called to order by President Frank Schneider

on Saturday morning at 8:45 o'clock.

Mrs. Schneider read a telegram from Emerson Greenaway, president of the American Library Association, bringing greetings and best wishes to the Arizona State Library Association.

The Proceedings of the 29th Annual Convention having been published in the Spring 1958 issue of **Arizona Librarian**, the President ruled that they were approved without formal reading.

The treasurer, Mr. William Lindgren, read the appended report showing a balance of \$2,192.00 on hand as of March 31, 1959, with a balance of \$562.30 in the Scholarship Fund, making a total of \$2,754.30 in the combined funds.

Mrs. Grace White, chairman of the School Libraries Committee, reported on activities at the Arizona Education Association Convention, where 167 persons attended the School Libraries Section luncheon. The committee has also been investigating violations of regulations governing certification of school librarians.

Mrs. Wilma Heisser gave the report of the College and Special Libraries Committee of which she is chairman. Much important work has been done toward the establishment of a Union Catalog of Arizonaana. The Committee has many facts and figures available for the continuation of this project.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings, chairman of the Public Libraries Committee, was absent due to illness.

The work of the Membership Committee was reported by Miss Marie Siedentopf, chairman. The Association now has 263 members, an increase of 100 members over last year at convention time.

Mrs. Catherine Chadwick reported on the activities of the Trustees and Friends of the Library. The luncheon at last year's annual meeting was interesting and well-attended. Another luncheon has been planned for this year, and dates have been set for two workshops, one on May 16th in Wickenburg, and one on May 23rd in Globe.

Mrs. Sue Gondek, first vice-president, reported the progress of the Public Relations Committee. She stated that the work done by Mrs. Chadwick in organizing the Trustees and Friends of the Library has been one of the biggest forward steps in public relations. Also, work has been completed on the awards to be presented at this meeting.

The report of the Recruitment Committee followed. Mrs. Emalee Philpott, as chairman, announced the appointment of Miss Nell Manuel, Mrs. Elinor Saltus, Mrs. Inez Moffit, and the Reverend Francis J. Fox, S.J., to assist her in recruitment. A meeting to organize high school student assistants is planned for a Saturday in late September or early October. Mrs. Philpott asked the pleasure of the membership in the matter of transferring \$500.00 from the general fund to the scholarship fund. All the discussion was favorable; it was decided to postpone action until the final business session.

Mr. Walter J. McGuire gave a report on depository libraries and stated the principal provisions of a bill revising the federal law relating to depository libraries. He also stated that loans to college students may apply to teacher-librarians. His report then went on to deal with the National Defense Education Act.

Mr. William Bartels followed this report with his account of the activities of the Legislative Committee. This committee has been working with the School Libraries Committee on the certification of school librarians. Mr. Bartels has shared in the work of drawing up and presenting plans to qualify for benefits through the National Defense Act.

Mr. Bartels then asked Miss Nell Manuel to report on work relating to the National Defense Education Act. Miss Manuel pointed out the benefits to be gained from participation in this project. She advised the group that a copy of the State plan has been sent to Washington, D. C. Local plans must be submitted to Mr. W. W. Dick before July to qualify for 1959 appropriations.

This concluded the committee reports. Mr. Schneider made several announcements, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

The Third General Session began at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4th, with Mr. Jack McDonald, Arizona Library Week Chairman, as host. Mr. McDonald gave a short preview of the program to be presented, "Horizons in Amazing and Expanding Arizona," and then introduced Mr. Charles E. James, Assistant Vice-President of the Valley National Bank. Mr. James presented many interesting facts and statistics on the increase in population and volume of business in Arizona since the end of World War II. He pointed out the advantages that our state has to offer, and further pointed out the necessity of adequate library facilities to meet the increased demand.

Mr. McDonald next introduced Mr. James Lee, a social psychologist who is associated with Sperry-Phoenix. Mr. Lee also stressed the importance of well-equipped libraries and well-trained librarians in "Amazing and Expanding Arizona." He explained the process of screening applicants at Sperry-Phoenix. A higher-intelligence group of workers coming to the Phoenix area will demand better library facilities.

Mr. McDonald summed up the statements of Mr. James and Mr. Lee in these words, "It is the opinion of industry that the people coming in are more intelligent, read more and on a higher level."

The other participants then introduced themselves and presented their views as follows: Mrs. Catherine Chadwick, for state and county libraries; Miss Tina Bohlman, for public libraries; Mrs. Bobbie Hall, for special libraries; Mrs. Wilma Heisser, for college and university libraries; Miss Mae Wiita, for school libraries.

After a brief summary of the various discussions, Mr. McDonald closed the Saturday morning session.

Luncheon was served in the patio at 12:30 p.m. with Miss Helen Mof-

fat as hostess. Mr. LeRoy Kellis, Mesa City Councilman and Chairman of the Library Board, extended a welcome from the City of Mesa.

The luncheon meeting closed with the presentation of the John Cotton Dana Award to Mr. Ione K. Fudge of Ray and Sonora. Unfortunately, Mrs. Fudge could not be present to receive the Award, so Mrs. Roberta Dugan, also of Ray and Sonora, graciously accepted the plaque.

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

"Professional Preparation and the Librarian in the World of Books" was the theme chosen for the Saturday afternoon meeting which convened at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Elinor Saltus was hostess for the first part of the meeting. After a few introductory words, she introduced Mrs. Florrinell F. Morton, Director, Louisiana State University Library School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mrs. Morton's topic, "A Man's Reach," dealt with library education and outstanding librarians who know books and how to bring books and people together.

After a short recess, Mrs. Inez Moffitt introduced the second part of the afternoon's program. Mrs. Frances Clarke Sayers, Department of English, University of California at Los Angeles and co-author with Miss Sickels of the new edition of *Anthology of Children's Literature*, was the first speaker. Mrs. Sayers emphasized the importance of love between people and a region and the function of the unique in a place. She warned against conformity, and mentioned the awareness of the unique as an antidote against conformity.

Immediately following the afternoon session, members and guests attended the exhibitors' reception. The success of a convention depends upon these men and women, who travel many miles and work very hard, and the Association is grateful to them for their support.

BANQUET MEETING

Before the introduction of the speaker of the evening, special guests were introduced. Miss Jane Hudgins, hostess, then presented

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Mr. Paul Hughes, Phoenix, novelist and vice-president of KTAR Radio and TV.

Mr. Hughes chose as his topic "Literary Values of the Modern Novel." He spoke with wit and humor on the stern discipline of novels of the past, pointing out that discipline is no longer as rigid but is still with us.

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES LUNCHEON

On Saturday, at noon, a special luncheon was held at the Palo Verde Dining Hall at Arizona State University. Mrs. Catherine Chadwick was hostess to the Trustees and Friends of Libraries attending the luncheon.

"Some Persons ARE Indispensable" was the title chosen by Mrs. Aaron Margulis for her talk. Mrs. Margulis, of the New Mexico State Library in Santa Fe, also a member of New Mexico Library Commission, and national leader in P.T.A., stressed the importance of public library trustees and Friends of the Library.

This was an organizational meeting. An executive board was formed, with Mr. Walter Varner, Yuma, as Chairman; Miss Dorothy Hardaway, Prescott, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Elsa Sweeney of Kingman was also appointed to the Board, and advisers will be appointed from each county. Thus far, the following appointments have been made: Mrs. Lena Des Saulles of Santa Cruz County; Mr. Avery Oliney of Maricopa County; and Mrs. Irene Waugh of Pinal County.

Plans have been made for two trustees' workshops to be held on May 16th in Wickenburg, and May 23rd in Globe.

FINAL SESSION

Following breakfast on Sunday morning, April 5th, the final session began. President Frank Schneider was host. He introduced Miss Eleanor A. Ferguson, Executive Secretary, Public Library Association, A.L.A., Chicago. Before presenting her talk entitled "Public Libraries, Their Development and Their Quality," Miss Ferguson extended greetings from A.L.A. With

charming humor, she recalled her childhood library experiences and went on to remind us that the world has changed, but many librarians have not. Librarians must not only keep up with the world, they must lead it. She feels that the most important duty of the public librarian is to make the public library the force it should be in the atomic age.

Mr. Schneider next introduced Mr. Theodore Waller, Chairman of the Steering Committee, who spoke on "National Library Week—Year-Around Public Relations Program for Libraries." Mr. Waller spoke of the development of local programs to meet local needs. He displayed this year's Library Week poster, which has been the subject of much interesting discussion. He mentioned the various magazines and radio and television programs that are devoting much space and time to National Library Week, and strongly urged that we, as individuals, write letters of appreciation to people in all the media of communication who have been so generous and cooperative in making National Library Week a success.

Mrs. Marion Glover suggested that material be collected on a nationwide basis and put into large scrapbooks to be sent to Washington, D. C. However, Miss Ferguson felt that it would be better to do this locally, since the Senators and Representatives are always more interested in what their own constituents are doing. It was decided to act upon Miss Ferguson's suggestion.

FINAL BUSINESS SESSION

After a five-minute recess, the Final Business Session was called to order by the President at 11:37 a.m. The first order of business was the reading of resolutions drawn up by the Resolutions Committee consisting of Miss Marguerite Pasquale, Chairman, Mr. Donald Bentz, and Mrs. Dorothy Weiler.

Miss Pasquale submitted the following resolutions which were approved:

WHEREAS, The 1959 annual meeting has been, in every way, a memorable occasion, most infor-

mative, enjoyable, and professionally stimulating:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arizona State Library Association express its sincere appreciation to Miss Jane Hudgins and Mr. Harold Walter Batchelor, the Executive Board, the hosts and hostesses of the various sessions, all the committees, as well as the management of Maricopa Inn for planning and managing this outstanding event, and that the Secretary be instructed to express our appreciation to all these persons and groups in writing.

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WHEREAS, The success of the library convention is greatly enhanced by the cooperation of the exhibitors; and

WHEREAS, The 1959 exhibitors have been faithful and patient during the entire convention;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona State Library Association express its appreciation to the exhibitors for their important part in the success of the convention.

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WHEREAS, The study of the College and Special Libraries Committee indicates the feasibility of preparing a Union Catalog of Arizoniana;

BE IT RESOLVED that this committee be instructed to continue to work toward the actual establishment of this Union Catalog.

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Mr. Schneider then announced the results of the election which was conducted by mail ballot. The following officers for 1959-60 were introduced: Mrs. Elinor Saults, A.L.A. Councilor; Mrs. Mary Godsell, Treasurer; Miss Grace Yoder, Secretary; Mrs. Wilma Heisser, First Vice-President.

Following introduction of the new officers, Mrs. Emalee Philpott, on behalf of the Recruitment Committee, moved that \$500.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Scholarship Fund. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Juliet Bilke

and was unanimously approved.

At this time, the President expressed gratitude to all who contributed to the Association's work during the past year, and then formally surrendered the gavel to the incoming President, Mrs. Sue Gondek.

Mrs. Gondek's brief acceptance speech was followed by two requests — first, to send to her the Library Week clippings which are to be sent to Senators and Representatives; and second, to write to all the persons who put forth so much time and effort for National Library Week.

Mrs. Marguerite Cooley then announced the winners of the awards for outstanding library service: to Miss Jane Hudgins, the A.S.L.A. award to retiring librarians; to Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings, the award for an individual making the most outstanding contribution to librarianship and library work; to the Yuma City-County Library Board, the award to trustees for an outstanding contribution to the development of library service. This last award was accepted by Mr. Walter Varner of Yuma, Chairman of the Board. Honorable mention was accorded the Tucson Public Library Board, the Casa Grande Public Library Board, and the Superior Public Library Board.

At this point, the Association proceeded to honor its Past Presidents. Mrs. Gondek read the names of all Past Presidents, and those who were present stood to receive rounds of applause.

Miss Helen Moffat moved that pins be purchased and presented to the Past Presidents in recognition of their service to the Association. Motion seconded by Mrs. Marion Glover, and carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business, the very successful Thirtieth Annual Convention was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

DOROTHY WEILER
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1958 to March 31, 1959

GENERAL FUND

Balance, April 1, 1958	\$1677.12
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Receipts

Dues for 1958	\$ 284.00
Dues for 1959	647.00
Convention Registration (1958)	2488.54
Convention Exhibit Space (1958)	380.00
Repayment of Loan, <i>Arizona Librarian</i>	168.00
Convention Exhibit Space (1959)	690.00

Total Receipts	\$4657.54
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Old Balance plus Receipts	\$6334.66
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Disbursements

Convention Expenses (1958)	\$3242.97
Arizona Library Week Expenses	15.20
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	525.00
President's Office	3.66
Treasurer's Office	4.95
Membership Committee Expenses	66.54
Public Libraries Committee Expenses	11.00
Federal Relations Coordinator Expenses	4.67
<i>SWLA Newsletter</i> Postage	10.67
A.E.A. Luncheon Expense	12.58
To <i>Arizona Librarian</i> for Share of Dues	127.00
Stationery	97.22
Pre-convention Expenses (1959)	21.20

Total Disbursements	\$4142.66
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Balance as of March 31, 1959	\$2192.00
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Transferred from General Fund	\$ 525.00
Interest Paid by Pima Savings & Loan Assn.	12.30
Gift in Memory of Patience Golter, from Salt River Valley Library Association	25.00
	\$ 562.30
Total Assets of Association, as of March 31, 1959	\$2754.30

WILLIAM F. LINDGREN
Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The plan for developing library awareness was followed through by implementing the decision to make certain awards, as follows: (1) An award to be made annually to the board of trustees for outstanding contributions to public library advancement (a plaque shaped like the map of Arizona, with the names of successive winners engraved on individual plates, and with the plaque being surrendered to a new winner each year); (2) An award to be made each year to a librarian whose contribution to librarianship was of unusual scope (a book-shaped pin with the letters "A.S.L.A." engraved on it); and (3) A life-membership award to all librarians retiring from their posts during the year (printed and inscribed certificates).

In addition to the plaque awarded the outstanding board of trustees, letters of recognition will be sent to other boards which have exerted unusual efforts in furthering library development in their communities.

A special Awards Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Marguerite Cooley, made the selections of awards to be presented at this convention. Several nominations in each category were submitted, and were carefully considered by this special committee before the winners were chosen.

SUE GONDEK
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

An intensive campaign of membership solicitation has resulted in a paid-up membership of 263 as of Sunday, April 5th. The total membership reached 254 in 1958, and will probably exceed 300 this year.

Thanks are due Miss Gertrude Thayer and her assistants for mimeographing the membership invitations and addressing their share of the envelopes; also Mr. Fleming Bennett for his very up-to-date and correct mailing list; also Mrs. Catherine Chadwick for

the list of trustees and Friends of Libraries. Their assistance enabled us to send out 550 membership invitations to librarians, and 240 letters to trustees and board members, urging them to join the Trustee Section of the association.

MARIE SIEDENTOPF
Chairman

RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Last year a proposal was made by the committee to initiate a state organization of student library assistants in Arizona. The project was approved by vote of A.S.L.A. at the 1958 convention and the Recruitment Committee was assigned responsibility. The committee has proceeded with plans for the first organization meeting, to be held at the University of Arizona late in September or early in October, 1959—exact dates subject to convenience of the University. Tentative plans are for a one-day session to be held on a Saturday. The local high school library clubs of Tucson area will handle registration and be in charge of the program. Father Cox will meet with a committee of student library assistants from the Phoenix area to draft a proposed constitution to be presented for approval at the state meeting. The library club at Parker High School—whose adviser is Mrs. Azelia Insalls—has been asked to serve as a committee to receive suggestions for a name, emblem, colors, etc. The best of these are to be presented to the state meeting for approval by vote. Elizabeth Baughn has been asked to serve as adviser of a nominations committee who will receive recommendations for nominations from clubs throughout the state, and prepare from these a slate of nominees to be voted upon at the convention.

Notices of this meeting will be circulated to all Arizona high schools by a newsletter, which we hope will be prepared by Mrs. Moffitt and her library science students at Arizona State University. In this newsletter will be nomination blanks and blanks for recom-

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mendations for name, emblem and colors to be sent to the committees responsible for those items. Mrs. Helen Moffatt has been asked to assist the Recruitment Committee in publicity for this project.

In addition to the plans for the students library association, the Recruitment Committee has distributed some pamphlets on librarianship as a career. Copies of some of these are still available on request.

Considering the healthy state of the A.S.L.A. treasury, the Recruitment Committee would like to recommend that the Association place \$500 from its general treasury into the scholarship fund.

EMALEE E. PHILPOTT
Chairman

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Work of the committee during this past year was concerned with library legislation, the National Education Defense Act and the certification of school librarians.

No definite legislative program was sponsored by the Association during the past year for the following reasons. Before the legislative session began, it was apparent that the legislature would consider only those problems relating to school financing and highway safety. Many members of the legislature were attending their first session and it was felt that a more positive attitude toward library legislation might be taken after their initial introduction into the intricacies of legislative action. Surveying the results of the 1959 session of the legislature bears out these opinions.

A rough draft of a bill was prepared by the Legislative Council and the Attorney General's Office relating to libraries: providing that library and county free library funds may be derived by direct appropriation; permitting boards of supervisors to make direct appropriations for library purposes; allowing a board of supervisors to establish a county free library within the county; amending certain sections of the Arizona Revised Statutes. This bill was not introduced.

House Bill 211, which covered certain portions of the rough draft such as permitting the county boards of supervisors to situate a county library in places other than the county seat and to appropriate funds for county libraries, was introduced by our friend, Mrs. E. B. Thode of Pinal County. This bill passed the House but was not reported out of the Senate in the last rush of business. This bill was endorsed by the Association and letters to each Senator were sent by our President.

One other matter was clarified. In the present law the term "millage tax" is used. This term could be interpreted to mean one or a single mill or could mean a type of tax with the phrase interpreted to mean one or more mills. An opinion by the State Attorney defined the term to mean "one or more mills."

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the Association, we will assist in presenting to the next legislature bills which will clarify technicalities in the present laws, cover the points present in House Bill 211 this year and strengthen the Extension Division of the Department of Library and Archives, enabling them to continue their monumental efforts once the demonstration sponsorship by the federal government is ended. The first step in this program will take place in the near future when an informal committee of interested parties—legislators, library trustees, Friends of Libraries, county boards of supervisors, representatives of the Association, Farm Bureau and others concerned—will meet to determine what the problems are and what type of legislation should be presented.

It has also been suggested that we might utilize the practice of Administrative Rule to supplement or spell out details of the county library law. This regulatory system developed within the framework of the existing county library law when approved by the State Attorney would provide a framework for each county to develop county or regional library exten-

sion service following a prescribed plan.

Our president asked the committee to investigate the phases of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 which apply to libraries. It was determined that the Act had important ramifications relating to school libraries, and it was recommended by the chairman of the Legislative Committee that a committee be formed to follow the progress of this Act as it applies to our state. The following committee was formed: Nell Manuel, chairman, Gertrude James, Dixie Thompson and Bill Bartels. (Miss Manuel's report is appended.)

Our president was asked to investigate certain violations of the certification of school librarians in the state. He corresponded with the Arizona Education Association and asked the chairman of this committee (by coincidence, a member of the Teacher Educational and Professional Standards Commission of the A.E.A.) to be aware of this request for investigation. The following is a portion of the minutes of the TEPS Commission, February 14, 1959. "Mrs. Muir and Mr. Bartels reminded the Commission that the Arizona [State] Library Association had brought to our attention certain violations of the certification of librarians occurring in the state. Mr. Bartels presented a report from the Arizona [State] Library Association summarizing these violations . . . It was agreed that the subcommittee would prepare a tentative draft of a letter to go to state administrators pointing out the increase in requests for special certification consideration and the need for cooperation by all members of the profession in reducing this number of requests. It was also agreed that a letter would be sent to the State Library Association indicating our concern with all problems of violations of professional certification regulations." The present staff of the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction has been informed of the action taken by the Arizona State Board of Education on June 22, 1955 and filed with Secretary of State to become effective July 1,

1955, which authorized certification for school librarians.

WILLIAM E. BARTELS
Chairman

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

In the National Defense Education Act of 1958 provision is made for "funds paid to the State for acquisition of equipment and printed material (other than textbooks) . . . minor remodeling of laboratory, or other space used for such materials and equipment." This is interpreted as providing library books, reference books, periodicals, pamphlets, professional books, and supplementary textbooks.

Implementation of Arizona's participation is under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Skipper Dick, who has appointed Mr. Bill Armstrong to head a special subcommittee. Despite strong efforts, no action was forthcoming from the 1959 Legislature to provide an appropriation for matching federal funds, which would have made it possible to employ a State Library Supervisor.

This law should be discussed by school librarians with their superintendents, to find out if they and boards of trustees will match funds for use in local districts. In seeking these funds, librarians should allow for expansion above normal budgets. This law allows school libraries to improve and expand instruction in science, mathematics and foreign languages beyond the normal growth.

It is suggested that if information is needed, librarians should write to Mr. Bill Armstrong, Director of Public Instruction in the state department. Librarians can secure from him an application form and a copy of standards for the program. Local plans must be submitted to the State Department of Public Instruction by July 1, 1959.

NELL MANUEL

FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The committee took action during the year to support federal legislation in which A.L.A. has

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taken interest. Letters were written to Arizona's congressmen concerning the following bills:

1. H.R. No. 519, which revises the federal statutes relating to depository libraries. The bill provides for the designation of additional depositories, for the designation of a regional depository in each state which would retain all documents permanently, and extending to other depository libraries the privilege of selected discarding after five years.

2. Budgetary provision of \$7½ million for the Library Services Act in fiscal 1960, instead of the \$5,150,000 recommended in the president's budget.

3. H.R. No. 3667, amending the Internal Revenue Code with respect to certain charitable contributions to libraries which would grant public libraries the same benefits as are now available to college, university and school libraries.

WALTER J. MCGUIRE
Chairman

COLLEGE AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The committee was asked to study the feasibility of preparing a Union Catalog of Arizoniana. Through Mr. Schneider's efforts the committee was able to obtain a detailed report on the procedure used by the Louisiana State Library Association in the preparation of the Louisiana union catalog. Their report was used as a base of reference.

I. **Definition of Arizoniana.** Your committee suggests the inclusion of all books about Arizona, and all books by Arizona authors; but questions the value of including books merely because they were published in Arizona.

II. Value of a Union Catalog.

1. It would reduce unnecessary cost of duplication of purchase of rare and out-of-print books by making them accessible for borrowing.
2. It would facilitate the location of materials for inter-library loan; and would distribute this burden more evenly.

3. It would provide a bibliographic center of genuine value to catalogers and bibliographers, saving time and providing a worth while convenience to persons doing serious research, whether student, author, or business man.

III. Cost.

1. The State of Louisiana made a total appropriation of \$26,000 for a two-year period to set up their union catalog and to print a copy of it for distribution to each of the contributing libraries. After the initial outlay and the first two years, the state library absorbed the cost of maintenance.
2. Louisiana gave serious study to the desirability of either canvassing for gifts, or of adding an appropriation to the state library budget; but decided to try for a bill through the Legislature . . . which was successful.

IV. **Location of the Union Catalog.** It is felt by your committee that the Union Catalog should be located at the State Capitol in the Department of Library and Archives.

V. **Procedure.** When funds are assured the procedure seems easy and simple.

1. Secure a cataloger to administer and expedite the project.
2. Microfilm records of large collections.
 - a. The Remington Rand Company has quoted the cost of microfilming and printing cards from libraries within the Phoenix area (35 mile radius) at approximately 5 cents a card; and would add living and travel expenses when outside this area.
3. Type records of small collections.

The committee awaits the pleasure of the Association in this matter.

WILMA HEISER
Chairman

SCHOOL LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

The major activities of the committee during the year were three: (1) Luncheon planned and held during the A.E.A. Convention, at Harman Ranch Restaurant in Tempe, October 31, 1958, with Jane Rietveld as guest speaker. This was attended by 152 members and guests; (2) Letters written to main speakers at the A.E.A. Convention, pointing out the importance of libraries in the schools; (3) Correspondence regarding the mounting problems in school libraries brought out some new ideas and pointed out that some of the old problems have intensified. A file has been started which may aid the committee in continuing organization and study of the problems.

It is recommended that the following activities be undertaken during the coming year:

1. Certification of librarians. Make special investigation to discover if some teachers are acting as librarians without knowing they are violating certification requirements. Questionnaire might be sent to check on violations and to find out what courses are needed by librarians to meet requirements.
2. Urge A.S.L.A. to recommend that a library consultant be employed by the State Department of Public Instruction to promote professional standards of librarians and to work on problems such as library quarters, type of services that should be given, librarian's status and daily load, planning new li-

3. Offer encouragement to one or more state institutions offering library science courses to become accredited by A.L.A.
4. Assist the Recruitment Committee in organizing student library assistants, and in other activities.
5. Assist in clarifying situation regarding librarians vs. clerks. Make detailed job descriptions and check into those schools which are not hiring enough librarians for the enrollment.

GRACE C. WHITE
Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

The Magazine Round Robin for the *Wilson Library Bulletin* and the *Library Journal* has been continued for a second year, and it is suggested that it be carried on for at least one more year.

Cooperation with the Library Extension Service has been the principal aim of the committee. Members have attended and participated in several workshops. The chairman attended the dedication exercises of the new public library building in Casa Grande.

It is suggested that with the help of the Extension Service the chairman keep an up-to-date list of public library librarians as a way to become better acquainted with the group. Perhaps along with attending Workshops, members of the committee will find a way to visit other libraries during the year.

ELIZABETH V. CUMMINGS
Chairman

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